

D/RA Pre-Briefing
Pre-Briefing Outline and Talking Points for EPA/DEQ Directors' Meeting
February 16, 2016

Purpose: Prepare for 3 Events:

- EPA/DEQ Monthly Directors' Call (Wednesday, 2/17)
 - Talking Points Below
 - DEQ Top Ten Issues Attached
- Presentation to Oregon House Committee on Energy and Environment (Thursday, 2/18)
 - Powerpoint – Cami
 - Additional Talking Points – Cami
 - Portland Harbor Messaging – Bill Dunbar
- Portland Harbor Executives' Meeting (Friday, 2/19)
 - Agenda and Attendees Attached (still draft)
 - Talking Points Attached (still draft)

DRAFT TALKING POINTS

Monthly EPA/DEQ Directors' Phone Call

Facilitated by Bill Ross

2-17-2016

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Status of dispute with LWG and any potential impacts on the schedule for the release of the draft plan and/or the ROD – 2 minute update
 - Lori successfully negotiated with LWG attorneys to withdraw their dispute in response to EPA's 1/4/16 letter taking over the FS, including the LWG's request for Alternative Dispute Resolution. The LWG signed a 2/4/16 letter withdrawing their dispute. (Copy attached)
 - The LWG asked EPA to remove its 1/4/16 language saying that the FS submitted by the LWG was deficient. EPA did not do so, however, in the attached 2/4/16 settlement letter, it simply says EPA did not approve the LWG FS.
 - EPA agreed:
 - Not to ask for reimbursement at this time for EPA's costs to finalize the FS.
 - To allow the LWG to dispute the FS that will be issued along with the Proposed Plan. If the LWG disputes the FS, EPA's response will be encompassed in the Response to Comments, and EPA will not hold meetings with the LWG to discuss the dispute.
2. Possible DEQ/RPs/Oregon Legislators meeting 2/18 (reschedule), possible presentation to legislature 2/24/16 (Cami)
 - 2/18 is confirmed – House Committee on Energy and Environment.

- Dick will be there. We have heard that some PRPs will be there. We are trying to glean more information including actual attendees, length of the meeting, desired length of EPA presentation, etc. Cami will bring a revision of her presentation to the Portland City Council and talking points. Kevin suggested this format: Dennis and Jim give a preamble, and Cami give the presentation that she gave to the Portland City Council.
 - Attached are general talking points developed by Bill Dunbar.
 - 2/24 – Still working with Marianne to find out if there is a possible alternative, such as meeting with the “Portland Delegation” on 2/18.
3. Outreach/engagement opportunities over the next 6 weeks until the draft plan is released
- NW Natural and Port meeting in DC with EPA February 18
 - Portland Harbor Executives meeting on February 19
 - Administrator’s call on March 2 - focus will be Proposed Plan
 - EPA is working closely with DEQ and the City Bureau of Environmental Services to plan and conduct extensive outreach in February and March, before issuing the Proposed Plan. This process is already underway:
 - Oregon State Legislature, including House Committee on Energy and Environment and Portland Delegation
 - Local Elected Officials – City, County and Metro. A video of Cami’s February 9 presentation to the City Council is available on the portlandoregon.gov website.
 - Local Businesses, including Columbia Corridor Association
 - Groups representing vulnerable populations, including Portland Harbor Community Coalition and Right to Survive
 - Neighborhood Associations
 - Non-Profits, including Audubon Society and League of Women Voters
 - Broad community information sessions throughout the city (Schedule is on website). One of the meetings was recorded and is available on the portlandoregon.gov website. There will also be a live webinar in addition to in-person meetings.
 - Media – Availability sessions, interviews and panels when requested, possible op-ed
 - Federal Congressional Delegation (3/30/16)
 - Potentially Responsible Parties
4. LWG funding of DEQ
- DEQ will present –AOC requires LWG to fund DEQ for RI/FS work, but the language is not clear that they must fund work beyond this.
5. Key issues being discussed between EPA and DEQ
- Assuring sufficiency of implementation in the ROD-process moving forward
 - Cami give update on OU’s discussion and quick summary of other DEQ Top Ten issues.

Discussion.

- Quick status update of other key issues
 - The latest list of the DEQ Top Ten Issues for Concurrence is attached.

6. Others?